



DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES

Health Care Financing
Administration
Region IX

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Phyllis Biedess, Director
Arizona Health Care Cost Containment System
801 E. Jefferson
Phoenix, AZ 85034

Dear Ms. Biedess:

Enclosed is an approved copy of Arizona State plan amendment (SPA) 01-004, which allows certified and specially qualified Masters level behavioral health professionals to register as providers with AHCCCS. I am approving this SPA with the requested effective date of January 1, 2001.

If you have any questions, please have your staff contact Ronald Reepen at (415) 744-3601.

Sincerely,

Linda Minamoto
Associate Regional Administrator
Division of Medicaid

Enclosures

cc:

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6. Medical care and any other types of remedial care recognized under State law, furnished by licensed practitioners within the scope of their practice as defined by State law.

6a. Podiatrists' services.

Podiatry services when provided by a licensed podiatrist.

In order for a member to receive routine foot care, the member must be receiving medical treatment from a primary care provider for a systemic disease which is of such severity that performance of foot care services by a non-professional would be hazardous to the member.

6b. Optometrists' services.

Optometrists' services when they are provided by a licensed optometrist. See section 12d for limitations on eyeglasses and contact lenses.

6d. Other practitioners' services.

Other practitioners' services provided by:

- i. Respiratory Therapists
- ii. Certified Nurse Practitioners
- iii. Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetists
- iv. Non-physician First Surgical Assistants
- v. Physician Assistants
- vi. Licensed midwives within the limitations provided in the AHCCCS policy and procedures
- vii. Non-physician behavioral health professionals, as defined in rule, when the services are provided by social workers, physician assistants, psychologists, counselors, registered nurses, certified psychiatric nurse practitioners, behavioral health technicians, and other approved therapists who meet all applicable state standards. Except for behavioral health services provided by psychologists, certified psychiatric nurse practitioners and physician's assistants supervised by AHCCCS registered psychiatrists, certified independent social workers, certified marriage/family therapists, and certified professional counselors, all non-physician behavioral health professional services shall be provided by professionals affiliated with an approved behavioral health setting in accordance with AHCCCS policies and procedures.